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This book mimics the style and format of the **Texas Interscholastic League (UIL)** and **Private Schools Interscholastic Association (PSIA)** Creative Writing contests. While both contests present five pictured and labeled items, each contest may vary slightly, and like most contests, the format and judging criteria can change over time. We recommend that you read all material provided by your respective contest's website to help your student better understand what is expected of them in this contest. If you are a parent, we encourage you to take the time to communicate with your participating child's coach or teacher for general contest tips or help identifying your child's strengths and weaknesses in writing. Overall, you will find this contest to be encouraging and supportive of aspiring young writers, and many go on to compete in Ready Writing, Editorial Writing, Spelling, and more!

We are a small company that listens! If you have any questions or if there is an area that you would like fully explored, let us hear from you. We hope you enjoy this product and stay in contact with us throughout your academic journey.

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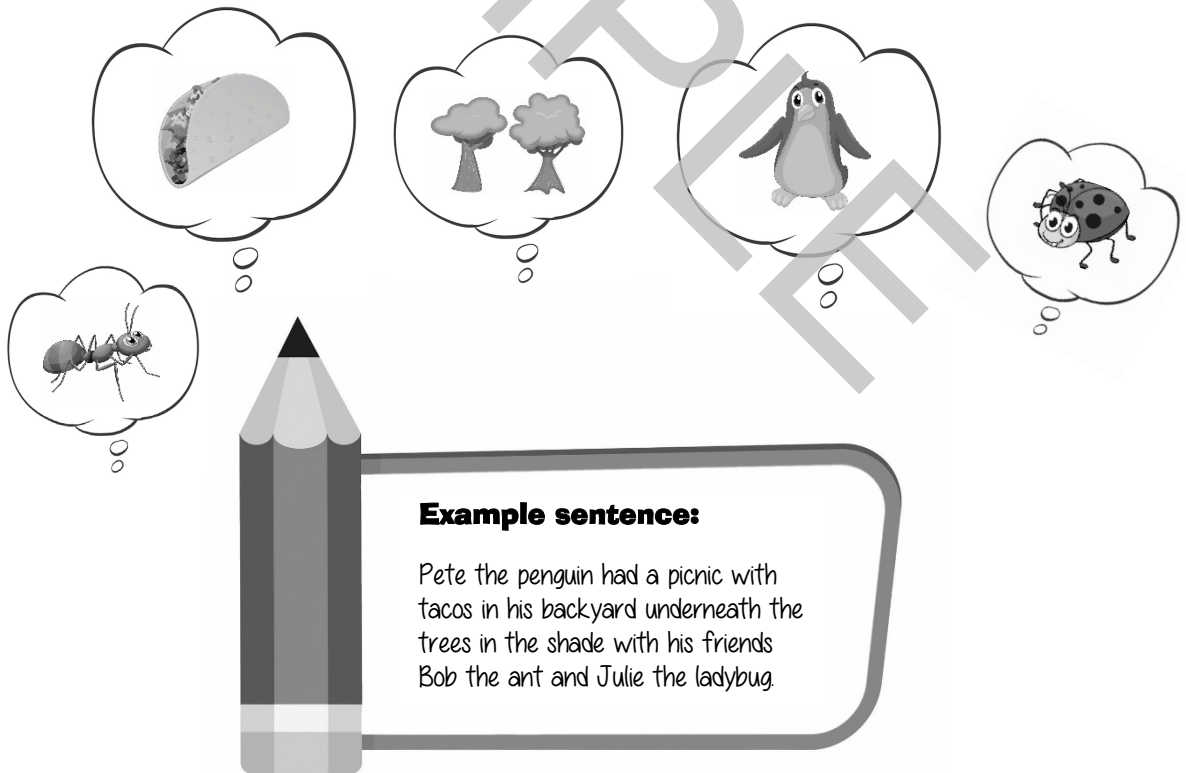
SAMPLE

Instructions

Each test has **5 pictures**. Look at the pictures, and don't forget to read the **words** under the pictures too!

Now, start making up a story about these pictures in your head. You can use 1, 2, 3, 4, or all 5 pictures in your story! Just make sure you *at least* write about one of the pictures. If you can write about *more* than one picture in the same story, you are showing how **creative** you can be. Use your imagination and try to make sense of as many pictures as you possibly can.

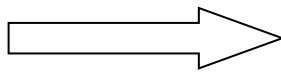
There is no right or wrong, and this is a fun competition!



Develop a character

A simple way to start is by identifying the character or characters. This answers the questions, "Who is this story going to be about?" For instance, if there is picture of a lion, the lion could be the character.

But what if there are no characters? What if all your pictures are just images of "things," like a pencil, a key, or a sunset? This could happen. So, don't forget that even things can be characters. Make the pencil talk! Why not? It's *your* story and remember that the goal is to be an entertaining storyteller.



If you get a plain picture like this ...

... imagine a character like this!

Practice Test 1

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

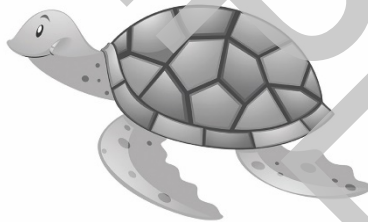
Write a story on your own paper. You must write about at least one of the things shown on this page. You may use as many of the things shown as you wish.



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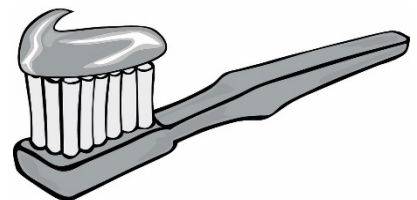
bananas



sea turtle



monkey



toothbrush